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## PLYMOUTH BAND.

A Leading Musical Organization of Northern Indiana.

The Plymouth band was organized October the 8th, 1902, with twelve members and since that time it has been rapidly progressing until it has now a membership of twenty-five. Not only has it progressed in the way of membership, but it has also developed itself in the way of musical ability so that it is perfectly able of rendering some of the most difficult compositions written. This organization has since its origin been under the direction and leadership of Ben Seybold, who has labored unceasingly to bring it to a high standard of excellence which it has maintained. Mr. Seybold is not an amateur musician himself as he has had over twenty-five years experience as a cornetist, and is above the ordinary bandmaster. This band has gained for itself a reputation they will feel proud of, for during the last few seasons at various concerts and engagements it has demonstrated to the public that it is no longer an amateur organization and is to be classed among the leading bands of the state.

Among the older players are, Eldridge Thompson, Edward Houghton, Jesse Zehner, John Pomeroy, Edward Miller, John Astley, Frank Hager, Charles Whitney, Charles and Owen Albert, and J. D. McCoy.

Eldridge Thompson the Euphonium soloist has by his rendition of several solos recently, displayed his remarkable musical talents, and indications are that he will favor the public with one of his solos at the concert that is to be given.

Edward Houghton solo clarinetist is director of the reed section, which through his efforts has become proficient in mastering some of the classical music. Messrs. Zehner and Pomeroy are competent players and with John Astley the talented tuba player they add greatly to the harmony of the music.

Edward Miller and Charles Alberts solo cornetists have had experience with numerous bands and are capable of holding their own when it comes to playing classical music.

The trombone section consists of J. D. McCoy, Frank Hager, Charles Whitney and Owen Alberts.

Although they have not yet acquired the title of virtuosos, they are professional musicians, and as the trombone section, they certainly do justice to the execution of difficult music.

Taken altogether the older members with the amateurs, who mostly compose the reed section, this band is the best this city has ever had, and the citizens should feel proud of such an organization.

The band is preparing to give their third annual concert and oyster supper which in former years was a success and they hope this will be the musical and social event of the season.

During the past few seasons the citizens and business men of this city have taken much interest in this organization and have helped to make it one of the leading bands of the state.

The concert and oyster supper is to be held in the new Burkett & Thompson building on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 2nd, '05, and with the assistance of the people they hope to make it one of the most successful affairs ever given in this city.

The program for the concert has not been prepared yet, but will consist of the latest and classical selections written.

### Dropped Dead in the Church.

During services in the chapel at Wilders, Laporte county, conducted by the Rev. James McCarty, the minister, made an earnest plea for his hearers to profess love in Christ, and in his appeal he took occasion to say: "There is one unbeliever in this congregation, a sinner who can not be saved from death tonight unless he becomes a Christian." As the pastor uttered these words, Richard Bossy suddenly exclaimed "Oh!" and was dead. Mr. Bossy was pronounced in his disbelief in Christianity, and it is charged that he frequently remarked that he had no use for churches. On this night he entered to shelter himself from a severe midwinter storm that was raging. His death under the circumstances caused a profound sensation.

### New Supervisors for Union Township.

Union township held its first election for road supervisors under the new law last Saturday. The following were elected:

District No. 1—Henry Listerberger.  
District No. 2—Aaron Burns.  
District No. 3—Zina Dedmon.  
District No. 4—Henry Pontius.

## GOVERNMENT MAY CO-OPERATE

Movement to Reclaim Lands in Laporte County.

A scheme for the wholesale reclamation of much land in the Kankakee river valley was unfolded yesterday at Washington to the secretary of agriculture by A. K. Sills of Monticello, Secretary Wilson listened two hours to Mr. Sills, then expressed his deep interest in the proposition and said he would do everything in his power to co-operate. Mr. Sills told him there are many thousands of acres of muck land in Indiana covered with deep black soil, which is seemingly lacking in some chemical element that, is supplied, would make it as productive as any land in the world. Without this missing element, it will not grow any staple crops to advantage, and sells for \$15 to \$30 an acre, while otherwise it would be worth \$100 to \$125 per acre.

Nearly all of the land in Kankakee valley is of this character, he told the secretary. He requested Secretary Wilson to send one of the most skilled soil chemists of the department of agriculture to Indiana to test the Kankakee valley soils and find out what ought to be done to make these lands the garden spot of Indiana. Secretary Wilson promised that if Purdue university would co-operate with the department's chemist he would send a chemist to Indiana.

Mr. Sills also enlisted the support of Senator Fairbanks, Congressman Crumpacker and other members of the Indiana delegation in the movement. Sills is confident that the area in the several counties mentioned heretofore can be reclaimed and made to blossom as the rose by the proposed application of the department of agriculture's scientific knowledge. Sills estimates that there are 20 square miles of this kind of land in LaPorte county alone.—LaPorte Argus.

### Leo Mosher Much Improved.

Leo Mosher, who has been in Phoenix, Arizona, for some time for his health, writes to his mother, Mrs. Emma Mosher, of this city, that he now weighs 129 pounds, a gain of over twenty-five pounds.

Mr. Mosher also tells of a big flood that recently occurred in Phoenix in which there were many narrow escapes. It rained there for several days, the first real rain for two years, and the flood came pouring down from the mountain streams.

The tents of the sick people who were encamped around the city, were almost washed away and the fire department was called out to assist in the rescue of the occupants. The friends of Mr. Mosher will learn with pleasure of his improved condition.—Columbia City Commercial.

### Cost of Producing an Acre of Corn.

A Wells county farmer was recently asked by the agricultural department of Purdue university to figure out the cost of raising an acre of corn and he has submitted statistics to show that the actual cost is \$850 per acre. This is based on Wells county land. He took into consideration the cost of land at \$66 per acre or a rental value of \$5 per acre. The price of labor was figured at \$2.50 per day for man and team, hauling to market three cents a bushel, seed 12 cents an acre and other small items. The average yield in the county is 44 bushels and the average price 40 cents a bushel, so that an acre would yield \$17.60, or \$8.20 net profit. The fodder was also estimated to be worth \$4 per acre so that the total net profit per acre would be \$12.20 or \$976 on an acre farm, besides paying the owner \$2.50 per day for his labor and his team.

### DON'T RAIL.

If people who are in the habit of railing and scolding at telephone girls would only take the trouble step into an exchange some day and spend an hour or so watching these over-worked girls manipulate the key-boards, and answer the hundred and one questions that are asked hourly they would certainly assist from their rudeness in the future. Some people appear to think that the telephone company does business for them exclusively, and rave like a goat in a burr patch if they do not get connection with the party wanted instantly.

### Moon-Shear

Mr. Bruce Moon, of Lakeville and Miss Hattie Scheerer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Scheerer of this city were united in marriage at St. Louis, Saturday, January 14, 1905. Mr. Moon's former home was at Lakeville, but has been employed at St. Louis, and Miss Scheerer has been living at Chicago. They will make their home in St. Louis.

## NO CHARGE OF DRUNKENNESS IN TWO COUNTIES FOR YEAR

Showing of Brown and Pulaski in Report to Board of State Charities.

According to a report of the board of State Charities covering the number of persons confined in the county jails on the charge of intoxication, Brown and Pulaski counties were entirely free from prisoners on that charge in the last year. The largest number was from Vigo county, where 1,421 were reported. Other counties with high numbers were Marion, 1,232; Grant, 740; Delaware, 427; and Cass, 460. Eight counties, Allen, Clinton, Howard, Madison, Miami, St. Joseph, Sullivan and Tippecanoe, report from 300 to 400.

In all 12,774 persons were confined in jail on that charge in the entire state the last year, as against 12,394 the year before. Of this number, 507 were women, as opposed to 528 in 1903, and 12,267 men as opposed to 11,866 in 1903. The total cost for the caring of these prisoners decreased slightly from \$37,894.22 in 1903 to \$37,750.22 in 1904.

### Elected Officers.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Plymouth Canning Factory held in Kuhn's hall Wednesday evening, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Adam E. Wise, Frank H. Jacob, John Palmer, Dr. S. N. Stephens, Mr. Miller, Romeo Ball, and Norman Miller.

The report of last year showed a satisfactory financial condition for the first year of the factory.

The new board has decided to furnish the farmers with seed free of charge, and to pay a higher price for corn and tomatoes. This factory is one of Plymouth's leading industries and the success they met with last year was highly satisfactory, and as this season promises to be a better one they will undoubtedly employ a large force of men and women besides buying and paying the highest market price to the farmer for his products.

A few more enterprises like this would boom Plymouth and class it among the thriving cities of Northern Indiana.

### BRYAN DECLINES PRESIDENCY.

Declares He Has Not Time to Devote to Institution's Affairs.

Jacksonville, Ill., January 17.—William J. Bryan spent the entire day in conference with trustees of Illinois college in this city. He was elected chairman of the board, and on assuming the duties of that office told the trustees that he could not consider accepting the presidency of the college at this time, as he had not the time to give to it. A committee, consisting of William J. Bryan, Richard Yates, late governor of Illinois, and Judge Owen P. Thompson, was appointed to select a new president.

### Auburn Man Bankrupt.

Edward A. Myers, of Auburn, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. According to his schedule his liabilities are \$49,000 and his assets are just \$435.

The case is an echo of the failure of the Farmers' bank and the Model Gas Engine company, of Auburn. Mr. Myers was superintendent of the engine works and most of his indebtedness is the result of his having signed notes for money borrowed by the concern, although he had borrowed considerable on his own account.

Everybody in Indiana knows the life of Frank Hanly, the new governor of the great Hoosier state. Every phase of it is an inspiration—a fact which has been noted and declared ten thousand times and yet cannot be too often uttered for it is a fact and a past proves that we may expect the record of the future to be equally inspiring. His administration will be characterized first by a conscientious determination to administer the affairs of the state for the good of the state, and second by ability to do this very thing.

### For Protection of Quail.

The Michigan City hunters are making a good move for the protection of quail in their locality. The birds are getting rather scarce up there and the sportsmen have decided on forming an association for aid of the quail. It is to be known as the Michigan City game Protective league and will have twenty or more members. The treasury will provide for the payment of farmers and others who scatter grain around the places where quail are known to be in winter. The league will also see to the enforcement of game laws so game is not wantonly exterminated.

## NEW SWINDLE ON FARMERS

Clever Scheme to Secure Cash of Unsuspecting Men.

One of the newest swindles perpetrated in the vicinity of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, is the "lost diamond." A well-dressed chap stops at a farmhouse and informs the occupant that he has lost a valuable diamond pin. He and the farmer make diligent search, but fail to find the jewel. The well-dressed chap tells the farmer on going away that he will give \$100 for the return of the jewel.

A week or so afterward a tramp comes in and tells the farmer that he has found a diamond pin. The farmer, after some dickerings, gets the pin for \$25. After waiting some time the pin is taken to a jeweler, when it is found that 15 cents would have been a big price for it.—South Bend Tribune.

### The Modern Girl.

The average girl of the present day is of few ideas and full of nonsense. She appears on the street clad in much fine raiment and bunteth up a beak at whose expense she drinketh soda water until the setting of the sun. She cheweth gum in the morning and when evening approacheth lo! she is still chewing. She getteth the notion in her head that she can sing and she warbleth until her father becometh a habitual drinker and the neighborhood getteth out an injunction. She goeth forth to party gown in a dress that is too short at the top and too long at the bottom, and giggleteth until the night waxeth cold. She lieth abed in the morning until the eleventh hour while her mother humph around and doeth the house work. She taketh her father's shekels and buyeth paint by the pound and useth the same until she resembleth a false face. She sigheth for a husband with a long moustache and plenty of money; but finally marieth some fellow who smoketh cigarettes and holdeth up two fingers to the barber when he getteth shaved.—Columbia City Commercial.

### Trustees Meet.

The following trustees from various townships held a special meeting at the court house yesterday for the purpose of selecting a trustee officer: Fred Corse, Center tp., Henry Schlosser, German tp., J. M. Schroeder, Polk tp., William Meredith, Tippecanoe tp., Frank Parker, Union tp., Mr. Hoover, North tp., Jos. Morelock, West tp., George Hatfield, Bourbon tp., Charles Roalig, Green tp., O. L. Grossman, Walnut tp., also C. M. Parks president of the Bourbon schools, M. L. Cory, president of the Argos schools, Dr. T. A. Borton president of the Plymouth schools and Superintendent Geo. D. Marks. Elmer Young was chosen trustee officer to fill the unexpired term of the late James Maxey.

### New Trust Officer.

Elmer Young one of our bright young men and a true blue republican was appointed trustee officer today to fill out the unexpired term of the late Mr. Maxey. Mr. Young will no doubt make a good officer.

### Adjudged Insane.

William Kleckner a well known farmer who resides about 4 miles north of town was adjudged insane in Justice Milner's court Monday and an application was made for his admittance at the asylum at Longolf.

### Family Reunion.

There was a family reunion at the home of D. C. Smith, Sunday, Jan. 22, '05, in honor of the 86th birthday anniversary of Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Susan Smith, who is making her home with him. Those present from a distance were Mr. Smith's two sisters, Mrs. Anna Houser of North Liberty and Mrs. Marie Shively, of Rockford, Ill., and three daughters, Mrs. Dora Gregg and family of Hartford, South Dakota, Mrs. Lydia M. Sawyer and daughter and Miss Eva Smith of South Bend and his two sons Charles E. Smith and E. G. Smith and wife of South Bend.

It was a very enjoyable occasion and Mrs. Smith who is now in her 87th year seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Mrs. May Hanson has returned to her home at Wagar, North Da., after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wiseman and other relatives.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: George W. Washburn 26, and Nancy A. Head 26; Howard E. Ihrie 26, and Etta M. Hutchinson 19.

## COST OF INTERUBANS

Electric Lines Cost More Than Steam Roads.

The idea prevails among some people that the electric lines are cheaper to build than steam railroads, but nothing could be farther from the truth. The right way, grading, ties and rails cost just as much for one as for the other, but at this point of the investment a steam railroad is ready to operate, while the electric line must invest a sum half again greater than the cost of all of this to erect a pole line with the overhead trolley and feed wires, while its power houses are far more expensive than locomotives and every electric car equipped with high power motors costs as much as the ordinary locomotive. When built and equipped the cost of operating an electric road is cheaper than the operations of steam roads.

### Indiana Editorial Notes.

The Chicago University is not saying much; but it has the liberty of private thought that the reduction in the price of crude oil is out of all proportion to what it got.—Marion News Tribune.

The latest story is that Colonel Gowdy is coming home from Paris to be a candidate for Governor four years hence. This shatters the theory that great men are born, not made.—Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette.

The Indiana Senate has resolved to itself that if there is a wicked lobby on hand the Senate can take care of itself without formal blare of trumpets. Doubtless, the Indiana legislature has never held itself greatly in fear of a lobby.—Ft. Wayne Sentinel.

Some member of the Indiana Legislature should take advantage of the neglect and oversight of all the rest by introducing a bill to prevent women from stepping off the cars backward. No such bill has yet appeared on the calendar and there are only fifty more days of the session.—Lafayette Journal.

We are to have a brand new set of sunburst colons now. But why is it that these gold lace warriors are always picked from a class of men whose constant fear on dress parade is that they will fall off. There is a good deal of humor about the Governor's baby powder brigade.—Goshen News Times.

### Carnegie Sends \$15,000 To Pay Losses in Chadwick Case.

Elyria, Ohio, January 18.—Andrew Carnegie placed \$15,000 in the hands of Rev. W. E. Cadmus, pastor of the First Congregational church of this city, today to be distributed to the depositors who lost their money in the failed Citizens' national bank of Oberlin, as a result of the Chadwick loans. Mr. Carnegie, in a letter, asked Mr. Cadmus to investigate among the students at Oberlin college and learn the amount they lost. When this done, it is understood, more money will be forthcoming. J. E. Steel of Oberlin will appoint a committee to investigate the most worthy cases. Mr. Carnegie has also given Mr. Cadmus \$3,000 to reimburse the Oberlin Y. M. C. A.

### Ruins The Sidewalk.

With ice on the sidewalks the first inclination is to throw salt on the ice, thus melting it. It is not known just how many barrels of salt have been used on the icy sidewalks of Michigan City but experts say that the salt rots the cement and practically ruins the sidewalks. It is estimated that in this city miles of sidewalks have been affected by the deposit of salt and the peculiar effect it has had has attracted the notice of contractors who must give some guaranty of their work.—Michigan City News.

### Two Bourbon Sports.

Orville Leslie and James Cochran two young Bourbon bloods came here Thursday night with the intention of "painting the town red" and became drunk and boisterous and had to be taken into custody by night police McNeely.

They were arraigned before justice Young next morning and plead guilty to the charge of intoxication, and were fined \$1 and costs amounting in all \$10.15.

In default of paying their fines they were taken back to jail where they will have to "lay it out."

Miss Moore left for Syracuse where she will spend a few days with her sister Mrs. Flora Seider and other relatives.

Miss Georgie Vinall has returned from a few days visit with friends at South Bend.

## BILL HITS AT ROAD

Representative McDonald is After Proposed Line.

In the house Friday the bill of Representative McDonald, of Plymouth, forbidding the granting of subsidies to railroads was reported favorably by the committee on railroads and the bill went to the second reading. It is directed particularly against a proposed road to run from Lugansport to South Bend, asking subsidies all through Marshall county. Practically the same bill in the senate was introduced by Senator Farber, of Frankfort, the first of the week but it has not yet been reported out of the committee.

In the rush of work to get home for Sunday a large number of bills were introduced in both the senate and house today. Senator Goodwine introduced a bill for additional appropriation, a bill for the re-location of the state school for the education of the deaf by Senator Hugg and Representative Fletcher, a bill giving Indianapolis power to arrange elevated railway tracks, Senator Barous a measure for a state examiner of county officials' books and methods of book keepers. The senate killed a bill to dog wife-beaters, after a protracted debate. Representative McDonald, of Plymouth, introduced a bill to compel county treasurers to turn over to the county interest on county funds loaned in the bank now paid to the treasurer personally.

The senate and house adjourned a little after noon until Monday morning. Representative Reasoner, of Miami county introduced a bill forbidding the draught of fresh water lakes or the lowering of their water level. Representative Condo, of Marion, introduced a bill for county auditing boards annually to examine the books of all county officers.

### Grand Jury Investigating a Trust.

The Elkhart county grand jury is reported to be investigating the methods of an alleged coal trust, known as the Interurban Coal Dealers' Association, comprising dealers at Elkhart, South Bend, Mishawaka and Goshen. George W. Hattie, a local dealer, cut the price on coal. He was then compelled to join the combine. Eastern dealers refusing to sell to him if he did not maintain the trust price. Hattie asserts that he was making a fair profit at a lower price, but he was compelled to go back to trust prices. It is asserted that coal is selling cheaper at Indianapolis, Chicago and Toledo than in Goshen and South Bend, because of the combine. The The Interurban Coal Dealers' Association was organized two years ago.

### Live Bird Shooting Prohibited.

There is one bill in the Indiana legislature that has the endorsement of thousands of people in the state who have no personal interest in it save that which comes from a humane compassion for defenseless birds. This bill prohibits "live bird shooting matches" and very properly restricts shooting matches to the use of inanimate targets. The gross brutality of the live bird match has been prohibited already in many states and it is high time that Indiana put a stop to it.

### Law To Abolish Habit of Treating.

If the bill introduced yesterday by Representative Agar should become a law it would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine, for any person to buy a drink of intoxicating liquor for anyone but himself in this state.

Temperance leaders have for years worked on the idea that if the habit of men treating one another at bars could be abolished a great victory would be won for the temperance forces. They claim, and have proved by statistics, that the majority of men who drink to excess do so among friends.

### Sled Load of Pennies.

Herman Boyce, of Goshen, a suburban grocer, is a man of pennies. In ten years he has never deposited in the bank a dollar's worth of coppers at a time. Nor has ten dollars' worth satisfied him. He prefers to use a wheelbarrow or a sled, and two or three times a year, he wraps and rolls the coins into regular sized packages, and carts them to the depository. Yesterday the contribution amounted to 27,800 pennies. In a basket he loaded his cargo, and on a sled, and along several blocks of icy streets he drew the heavy deposit.

Mrs. Anna Brakle of Chicago is spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Lorenzo Pelton who sustained a broken wrist a few weeks ago by a fall and is not able to use her arm.

## DAIRY ASSOCIATION IN SESSION

Convention is Held in State House—Mr. Ellison Reads Paper.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—Several hundred men and women from the dairy farms and creameries of the state crowded the supreme court room at the state house, where there is in progress a two day's meeting of the Indiana State Dairy Association. In attendance it was one of the largest meetings the association has held in the fourteen years of its history. The purpose of the organization is to awaken the farmers of the state to the opportunities before them for expanding their wealth by the production of milk and butter, and another purpose is to increase the quality as well as quantity of the products.

The sum of \$125,000 will be asked for annually to carry on experimental work along their lines under the direction of Purdue university. The men who are working for the legislation hold that, as 60 per cent. of the taxpayers are farmers they should have a part of the state's money used for their advantage.

According to their plans, experimental stations for corn growing will be placed in different parts of the state in order to learn the advantages of different kinds of soil. A great effort will be made along the line of experiments in cheese-making.

"Alfalfa Growing" was discussed by T. E. Elison, of Fort Wayne; G. P. Newson, Valley Mills, and J. M. Weiborn, Bridgeport.

"The Patrons Plan in Good Butter-Making" was discussed by P. H. Keifer, dairy commissioner of Iowa.

### DREDGING TO COST \$47,000

Big Task Soon to Begin in Kosciusko County.

The viewers appointed in the matter of the petition to dredge the Tippecanoe river, have completed their report. The work of preparing for the mammoth dredging project has required about 18 months. The work will consist in dredging the Tippecanoe river, over the cut-off route, from Mononquette to Carpenter's bridge, south of Atwood, a distance of perhaps 12 miles. The work of dredging the river will require from a year and half to two years' time and will be done at an estimated cost of about \$47,000. Many thousands of acres of swamp lands will be reclaimed and when the work is completed it will be impossible for Center lake to have an inlet from Walnut creek, instead of an outlet, as has frequently been the case in time of high water.

### Advertising Talk.

The fact that you are selling the kind of a suit of clothes that he is expecting to buy for a dollar less than he expected to pay is more important news to the average man of this city than the sinking of another warship in the eastern quarrel—for he is not buying warships, this year, anyhow.

Most merchants would rather at the end of a month pay a big bill for advertising and have an equal sum left in bank as the net profits of the month, than to pay a small advertising bill and still have but an equal sum added to the bank balance. And that is just about the way it usually works.

If store advertising merely brought people to your store it would pay—but the right kind of advertising brings the woman to your store with her mind nine-tenths made up to make certain purchases; with the result that she makes at least nine-tenths of the purchases she had planned when she read your ad.

### Seriously Hurt.

Lawrence Border, while removing fodder from the hay loft of his father's barn, Sunday afternoon, fell to the floor below. On examination it was found one rib was broken and the left shoulder, side and hip terribly bruised. The distance was about sixteen feet, and the fodder that lay on the floor, no doubt prevented more serious results. Lawrence at last report was resting easy and getting as well as circumstances would permit.

Edward Miller has returned from a few week's visit in Mexico.

Mrs. A. E. Fink of Tyner spent a few hours in this city today shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vorels are the guests of friends and relatives at Culver.

Miss Anna Greggs has gone to South Bend where she has secured employment.

Miss Recy Cartwright of Brightside is spending a few days visiting at Marion.